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PREFACE TO THE REPORT.

District Health Office
County Health Department.
Merlins Hill
Haverfordwest.

August, 1969

To:-His Worship The Mayor,
Aldermen and Members of
the Haverfordwest
Borough Council.

Mr Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I present the Annual Report for the year 1968. Detailed information will be found in the body of the Report. The main items are summarised as follows:-

Population.

The population of the Borough continues to increase, and for the first time has passed the 10,000 mark. There has been approximately 30% increase in the population since 1947.

Birth statistics.

The birth-rate for 1968 was the highest for many years, and was considerably higher than the National rate.

There was a slight increase in the number of Illegitimate births.

No Still-births were recorded.

Mortality statistics.

The general death-rate was the lowest for several years, and considerably lower than the National death-rate.

There was an increase in the number of deaths attributable to Cancer, bringing the Cancer death-rate for the Borough slightly higher than the National rate.

There was also a small increase in the number of Infant deaths, and accidental deaths. One death attributed to Tuberculosis was the same as for the preceding year.

Infectious Diseases.

The intensive Immunisation campaign which has been going on for several years, and which included Measles over the past year, is reflected in the low incidence of Infectious Disease in the Borough during 1968. It is the shortest list reported over the past 20 years.

Infective Hepatitis (Jaundice) is now notifiable, but no notifications were received for the Borough during 1968.

Environmental Hygiene.

There are no major hygiene or sanitary problems in the Borough.

The disposal of refuse, and the standard of hygiene in food premises, require a little more supervision.

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CONSTITUTION OF COUNCIL AND COMMITTEES 1968/69

His Worship The Mayor:	Councillor.Griff Morgan. O.St.J., F.C.I.S.
Deputy Mayor:	Councillor.E.Smart.
Sheriff:	Councillor. D.J.Evans.
Chairman-Housing Committee:	Alderman.C.B.James.
Chairman-Public Health Committee:	Councillor.T.G.Parry.
Chairman-Finance Committee:	Councillor.W.S.Hayden.F.A.C.CA
Chairman-Borough Committee:	Alderman.Canon Richard.E.Williams.
Chairman-Parks & Cemeteries Committee:	Counsillor. T.H.Arran.

OTHER MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL.

Alderman.R.F.Foster.O.B.E.,T.D.,D.L. (now deceased)

Alderman. Colin.T.Price.

Councillor.J.F.Green.T.D.

Councillor. Mrs C.M.Cole.

Councillor. W.E.L.Jenkins.

Councillor. Mrs M.H.Williams.

Councillor. V.T.Y.Noott.

Councillor. A.G.Rees.

OFFICERS OF THE COUNCIL.

		Date of Appointment
Town Clerk and Solicitor:	R.Ivor Rees.	23.10.45
Deputy Town Clerk:	Haydn.E.Davies.	1. 1.62
Borough Engineer and Surveyor:	J.B.Hemingway.F.R.I.C.S., M.I.Mun.E.,M.R.S.H.	1.10.47
Borough Treasurer:	F.R.Lowther. F.C.A.	1. 2.24
Public Health Inspector:	D.B.Evans.F.A.P.H.I. (now deceased)	20. 6.38
Medical Officer of Health:	W.J.Y.Speedy.M.B.,B.Ch., L.R.C.P&S.,L.R.F.P&S., D.P.H.	1.10.47

GENERAL INFORMATION.

Offices: Town Clerk and Public Health Department.

Picton House. 2 Picton Place.
Haverfordwest. Pembs.

Borough Engineer and Surveyor. Old Grove House
St.Thomas Green.
Haverfordwest

Borough Treasurer. Old Council Chambers
St.Mary Street
Haverfordwest

Telephone :All Departments. Haverfordwest 3771

Medical Officer of Health. District Health Office
County Health Department.
Merlins Hill.
Haverfordwest.

Telephone: Haverfordwest 3345
Private: Haverfordwest 3251.

Population Mid 1968: 10,330

Acreage: 1,420

Rateable value as at 1.4.69. £408,767

Rate: 1963/64	=	12.4d in £	(County Council precept 8/6)
" : 1964/65	=	13.2d in £	(" " " 9/-)
" : 1965/66	=	14.10d in £	(" " " 9/-)
" : 1966/67	=	16.0 in £	(" " " 10/-)
" : 1967/68	=	16.0 in £	(" " " 10/-)
" : 1968/69	=	16.2d in £	(" " " 9/9)
" : 1969/70	=	17.6 in £	(" " " 10/-)

Estimated product of 1d rate 1969/70 = £1,623

P A R T I

V I T A L S T A T I S T I C S

and

E P I D E M I O L O G Y

SUMMARY OF VITAL STATISTICS.

General Birth-rate	.....	23.5/1000 population.
General Death-rate	.....	9.1/1000 population.
Cancer Death-rate	.....	2.5/1000 population.
Infant Mortality Rate	.....	20.5/1000 Live births.

POPULATION TABLE.

Year		Population		Natural Increase
1947	.....	7,156	.....	104
1948	.....	7,220	.....	46
1949	.....	7,300	.....	37
1950	.....	7,380	.....	37
1951	.....	7,255	.....	31
1952	.....	7,284	.....	36
1953	.....	7,500	.....	159
1954	.....	7,600	.....	41
1955	.....	7,890	.....	82
1956	.....	7,940	.....	99
1957	.....	8,210	.....	100
1958	.....	8,230	.....	101
1959	.....	8,310	.....	121
1960	.....	8,390	.....	120
1961	.....	8,690	.....	110
1962	.....	8,710	.....	82
1963	.....	8,730	.....	79
1964	.....	8,870	.....	107
1965	.....	9,010	.....	97
1966	.....	9,300	.....	118
1967	.....	9,640	.....	103
1968	.....	10,330	.....	149

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BIRTH STATISTICS

Classification of births.

	Live			Still		
	Male.	Female.	Total.	Male.	Female.	Total.
Legitimate	125	103	228	-	-	-
Illegitimate	6	9	15	-	-	-
Total =	131	112	243	-	-	-

Total live births. = 243
Total Still births. = Nil
Total Illegitimate births. = 15

General birth-rates.
Birth-rate for Borough 1968 = 23.5/1000 population.
" " England & Wales 1968= 16.9/ " "

Still Birth-rate = Nil.

Comparative Birth Table.

		Birth-rate.	No Still Births.	No Illegitimate
1948/66 (average)	...	20.2	$3\frac{1}{2}$	$6\frac{3}{4}$
1967	...	21.0	3	14
1968	...	23.5	0	15

MORTALITY STATISTICS

Classification of deaths.

		Male.	Female.	Total.
Diseases of Heart & Circulatory System	=	24	8	32
" " Brain & Nervous system	=	5	9	14
Cancer (all forms)	=	12	13	25
Diseases of Respiratory System	=	5	1	6
" " The Blood	=	1	0	1
" " Kidneys & Urinary system	=	0	4	4
" " The Digestive system	=	0	2	2
Infant deaths	=	2	3	5
Tuberculosis deaths	=	1	0	1
Violent deaths	=	3	1	4
Total	=	53	41	94

Deaths in age-groups:-

0 - 1 years	= 5	30 - 50 years	= 9
1 - 15 "	= 1	50 - 70 "	=34
15 - 30 "	= 4	70+ "	=41

General death-rates.

Death-rate for Borough 1968 = 9.1/1000 population
" " Eng land & Wales 1968= 11.9/ " "

Cancer mortality.
Classification.

	Male.	Female.	Total.
Abdominal	6	3	9
Respiratory	4	3	7
Others	2	7	9
Total =	12	13	25

Age-groups:- 30 - 50years = 2
50 - 70 " =10
70+ " =13

Cancer death-rates

Cancer death-rate for Borough = 2.5/1000 population
" " " England & Wales= 2.3/ " "

Infant mortality.
Classification.

	Male.	Female.	Total.
Developmental Defects ...	1	1	2
Infection ...	1	1	2
Prematurity ...	0	1	1
Total ...	2	3	5

Age-groups:- 0 - 4 weeks = 3
6 - 12 months= 2

Infant mortality rates.

Infant Mortality rate for Borough = 20.5/1000 live births.
" " " England & Wales= 18.0/ " " "

Tuberculosis Mortality.

One death - male - age-group:- 50 - 70 years.

Violent deaths.
Classification.

		Male.	Female.	Total.
Road accidents	.....	2	0	2
Works accident	.....	1	0	1
Suicide	.....	0	1	1
	Total =	3	1	4

Comparative Mortality table.

Year	Death rate	No. of Cancer deaths.	Violent deaths.	Infant deaths	Tuberculosis deaths
1948/66 (average)	11.6	17	4	3	1
1967	11.0	23	2	4	1
1968	9.1	25	4	5	1

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INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

The following Infectious Diseases were notified during the year:-

	Male.	Female.	Total.
Measles	5	3	8
Scarlet Fever	0	2	2
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	0	2	2
Non Pulmonary Tuberculosis	0	1	1

This represents a low incidence of Infectious Disease in the Borough. The small number of cases of measles reflects the effect of the Measles Vaccination campaign which commenced during the year.

Summary of Immunisations & Vaccinations carried out in the County during 1968.

	Primary	Boosters.	Total.
Diphtheria	1,194	1,702	2,896
Whooping Cough	1,088	-	1,088
Tetanus	1,370	1,779	3,149
Measles	2,587	-	2,587
Poliomyelitis	1,271	1,172	2,443
Smallpox	634	49	683
Yellow Fever	94	-	94
B.C.G. Vaccinations...	694	-	694
Cholera	82	-	82

P A R T II

E N V I R O N M E N T A L

H Y G I E N E

HOUSING STATISTICS

(a) Number of permanent houses completed in 1968:	=	137
(b) Total number of Post war houses completed	=	1115
(c) Less 42 Prefabricated houses demolished	=	42
	Total	1073

(d) The total number of dwellings now owned by the Council is as follows:-

(i) Pre-war dwellings	=	248
(ii) Post-war dwellings.....	=	1073
(iii)Miscellaneous	=	14
Total	=	1335
(iv) Less houses sold	=	7
Total	=	1328

(e) Council houses in course of erection on 31st December, 1968	=	8
(f) Private houses completed in 1968	=	39
(g) Private houses in course of erection on 31st December, 1968	=	21

Applications for housing as at 31st December, 1968:-

1 - bedroom dwellings	=	11
2 - " "	=	157
3- " "	=	99
4 - " "	=	6
Old peoples dwellings (bungalows)	=	52
Moravian Court	=	1
Ability to pay (St Davids Rd).....	=	8
Total.....	=	334

Improvement Grants - Discretionary at 31st December, 1968

	1954/65	'66	'67	'68	Totals
(a) No. of applications received.....	252	17	12	6	287
(b) No. rejested, withdrawn, deferred or not commenced..	67	7	7	2	75
(c) No. in progress...	19	22	18	15	14
(d) No. completed.....	166	10	12	10	198

Improvement Grants - Standard as at 31st December, 1968

	1959/65	'66	'67	'68	Totals
(a) No. of applications received.....	26	5	5	3	39
(b) No. rejected, withdrawn, deferred of not commenced.	7	5	2	9	9
(c) No. in progress...	-	1	1	4	4
(d) No. completed	19	1	4	2	26

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MILK SUPPLIES.

Registration of vendors and sampling of milk is carried out by the Pembrokeshire County Council.

There are no known supplies of Raw milk sold within the Borough. The supplies at the milk vending machines are fully pasteurised.

The results of sampling by the Pembrokeshire County Council were found to be satisfactory during the year.

Copies of all results are issued to the District Medical Officer.

WATER SUPPLIES.

The supply of water to the Borough is the responsibility of the Pembrokeshire Water Board who carry out routine sampling.

28 samples were taken by the Public Health Department for bacteriological examination, 26 were found to be satisfactory and two unsatisfactory.

In addition 52 samples were taken by the Pembrokeshire Water Board, 51 being found satisfactory and one unsatisfactory Samples are sent to the Public Health Laboratory, Carmarthen.

10 samples of water were also taken from the Grammar School Swimming pool and submitted to the Public Health Laboratory and found to be satisfactory.

The only families within the Borough that have no water supply within a reasonable distance are the caravan dwellers at Bethany Lane and Under the Hills.

Factories & Worskshops

Premises on register	=	112
No. of Inspections	=	Nil
No. of written notices	=	Nil
No. of prosecutions	=	Nil

FOOD CONTROL

Details of food-stuffs that were inspected and found unfit for human consumption and condemned during the year:-

Tins of meat	=	29
Tins of fruit	=	351
Tins of vegetables	=	1167
Tins of fish	=	28

Other prepacked articles includes items of frozen foods that were condemned following refrigeration breakdown. = 921

ICE-CREAM

The majority of Ice-cream sold within the Borough is nationally pre-packed. There are however four Ice-creams produced within the County.

The following are the results of samples sent to the Public Health Laboratory for bacteriological examination:-

Grade I (Highly satisfactory)	= 13
Grade III (Doubtful)	= 1
Total	= 14

MINERAL WATERS.

There is one Mineral Water factory in the Borough, the water supply for this factory is drawn from the Town Main supply and is found to be satisfactory.

Liquid Egg Pasteurisation.

None produced in the Borough as there is no Egg Grading station.

SHOPS ETC.

The following are operating within the Borough:-

Fish and Chip Shops	....	=	5
Bakehouses	....	=	8 (one of which closed during the year)
Poultry station	....	=	1 (killing & dressing station)
Butchers	....	=	13
Butchers Vans	....	=	4 retail 3 wholesale
Wet fish shops	....	=	4
Grocers	....	=	34
Green grocers	....	=	8
Sweet shops	....	=	12
Wholesale sweets	....	=	2
Wholesale foods	....	=	2
Cinemas	....	=	2
Hotels, public houses, clubs	....	=	38
Off Licenses	....	=	4
Cafes with table license	....	=	4

Food Poisoning

There were no reported cases of food poisoning in the Borough during the year.

LOCAL FAIRS

Routine inspections were made of the Food Stalls at both the May Fair and the October Fair.

ABBATTOIRS & KNACKER YARDS.

Nil in the Borough.

GENERAL SANITATION.

Rodent Control.

	Type of Property	
	Non agricultural	Agricultural
Number of properties in the district.	3727	16
Number of properties inspected (including nearby premises) following notification.	193	
Number infested by rats (treated)	28	
" " " mice (")	132	
Number of properties inspected for rats and/or mice for reasons other than notification.	936	16
Number infested by rats (treated)	52	
" " " mice (")	107	

The Rodent operator is also employed trapping 'feral' pigeons & insect eradication.

Refuse collection.

The refuse during 1968 was collected by two refuse collection vehicles, each manned by a driver and three ashbinmen. If due to a breakdown either of these vehicles needed to have repair work carried out, the Fordson Tractor Side-loader was used, (this vehicle is approximately 13 years old. It was necessary on a few occasions during the year to have on loan a vehicle from the Haverfordwest Rural District Council for a few days.

The paper sack system is now operating in approximately 1080 premises within the Borough, this being about ⅓rd of the total number of premises in the Borough.

Refuse disposal.

There is one Refuse Tip within the Borough. This Tip is controlled by one Tip attendant and is kept in a reasonable condition. The Tipping within the Borough is not, and has never been truly "controlled tipping".

Public Conveniences.

The Public conveniences within the Borough are at the following sites:- Cartlett Road, Jubilee Gardens, St Thomas Green and Dew Street. In addition to these facilities there are conveniences at the entrance to the Market Hall, and also a men's urinal at Friar Lane in Bridge Street.

Street Sweeping

The Street sweeping service was carried out by 3 street sweepers, plus one part time sweeper and two summer workers (students), in addition to the Wayne 1254 power sweeper. This machine is limited in its use owing to the hilly condition of the Borough and therefore sweeping on hills is not very satisfactory with the machine.

Mortuaries.

The Mortuary is jointly used by the Borough and the Haverfordwest Rural District Council. There does appear to be a need of a Chapel of rest in the Borough because of the type of houses built by the Council, these are one room (living) and also flats & houses on the open plan.

Nationalal Assistance Act.

There were no burials carried out under this Act during the year in the Borough.

Pet Shops.

Only one licensed pet shop in the Borough. These premises are regularly inspected periodically with satisfactory results.

General Nuisances.

Complaints were received regarding the following nuisances, wasps, cockroaches, fleas and pigeons, all of which were dealt with immediately.

Offices,Shops & Railway Premises Act 1963.

233 visits were made to premises registered under this Act. Every effort is being made to comply with the conditions of the Act by those concerned.

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